(b) whether Government are considering to provide more than 40 per cent as a grant changing this ratio since the geographical position of Madhya Pradesh is different compared to the other States; and

(c) if so, by when Madhya Pradesh would get said benefit?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A new scheme of Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification has 6een approved for the attainment of the National Common Minimum Programme of completing Rural Household Electrification in five years by replacing/merging the earlier 40% Capital Subsidy Scheme. Under this scheme 90% Capital Subsidy would be provided for:

(i) Creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) with one 33/11 kv (or 66/11 kv) substation in every block appropriately linked to the State Transmission System.

(ii) Creation of Village Electricity Infrastructure (VEI) for electrification of all unelectrified villages/habitations with distribution transformer(s) in every village/habitation.

(iii) Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) and Supply System for Villages/Habitations where grid supply is not cost effective and where Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources would not be providing electricity through their programme(s).

(iv) Electrification of all un-electrified Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the country free of charge.

Projects for Madhya Pradesh can avail of financing under this Scheme.

Pending proposal of M.P.

†2436. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government for Rs. 9450 crore under Central scheme of cent per cent electrification is pending for approval with Central Government;

(b) the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) by when, it would accorded approval?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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